

CALIFORNIA EXPOSITION & STATE FAIR

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

**Held Pursuant to Due Notice
Friday, September 26, 2008**

**California Exposition & State Fair
Administration Building Boardroom
1600 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815**

Directors Present

Marko Mlikotin, Chair
Amparo Pérez-Cook, Vice Chair
Director Kathy Nakase
Director Gil Albiani
Director Steve Beneto
Director Corny Gallagher
Director Marilyn Hendrickson
Director Bert Johnson, M.D.
Director Richard Cuneo
Director Rick Stacey

Directors Absent

Director Rex Hime

Ex Officio Members Absent

Assembly Member Dave Jones
Senator Darrell Steinberg

Staff Present

Norbert J. Bartosik, General Manager/CEO (GM)
Brian A. May, Deputy General Manager (DGM)
David Elliott, Assistant General Manager, Racing (AGM)
Erica Manuel, Assistant General Manager, Marketing & Public Relations (AGM)
Patricia Garamendi, Assistant General Manager, Programs (AGM)
Amy Casias, Accounting & Finance Manager
Marcia Shell, Admissions & Parking Manager
Brian Honebein, Sponsorship Sales
Robert Craft, Chief of Police
Greg Kinder, Exhibits Supervisor
Michael Bradley, Chief Bureau of Exhibits (CBE)
Mark Dannewitz, Maintenance Operations Manager
Paul Gillingham, Entertainment Coordinator
Julie Mull, Human Resources Manager
Randy Brink, Cal Expo Volunteer
Linda Contreras, Recording Secretary

Others Present*

Jerry Blair, Deputy Attorney General (DAG)
Sonney Chong, Representative for Assembly Member Dave Jones
Susan McKee, Representative for Senator Darrell Steinberg
Norm Towne, Consultant
Eric Mills, Action for Animals
David Middlesworth, United Animal Nations
Curt Ransom, Humane Society of the United States
Karen Raasch, California Federation for Animal Legislation
Carol Gage, Animal Welfare

*May not include all others present in the room or arriving late.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mlikotin at 10:45 a.m.

Chair Mlikotin read the Mission Statement, Policy Statement and Public Comments Statement.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mlikotin lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL AND DIRECTORS ABSENT

Roll call was taken by GM Bartosik. Director Hime had asked to be excused and was not present.

4. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND STAFF

Introduction of Guests and Staff were made around the room.

5. MINUTES OF MEETING

a. Board Committees & Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2008

Motion:

It was moved by Director Pérez-Cook and seconded by Director Cuneo to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2008 meeting as mailed. **All in favor, motion carried.**

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. State Fair, Agriculture & Marketing Committee Reports

AGM Manuel reviewed her reports included in the Board packet.

Brian Honebein provided an update to the Board on the Sponsorship Sales program.

Director Mlikotin inquired about the term of the MeringCarson contract. Discussion followed.

Staff was directed by the Board to bring back an RFP for Advertising Services for the Board's consideration of approval.

AGM Garamendi reviewed her reports included in the Board packet.

b. Horse Racing Committee Reports

Director Beneto reviewed reports included in the Board packet.

c. Operations & Planning Staff Reports

GM Bartosik reviewed reports included in the Board packet.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Financial Statements for July and August 2008
- b. Accounts Receivable Report
- c. State Fair Revenue Comparison
- d. Purchases/Contracts Requiring Board Notification
- e. Adopt Budget Goals for 2009

Director Gallagher and Finance & Accounting Manager Casias reviewed the monthly financial statements for July and August 2008.

Director Stacey suggested that the Financial Statements be presented on a full accrual basis for more accurate reporting of the financial operations.

Motion:

It was moved by Director Pérez-Cook and seconded by Director Nakase to approve the monthly financial statements for July and August 2008 as mailed.
All in favor, motion carried.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. California Department of Public Health Environmental Health Survey-February 2008

AGM Bartosik reviewed the California Department of Public Health Environmental Health Survey February 2008 included in the Board packet.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Reappointment of Fair Elector for California Fair Services Authority (CFSA) Board Election

Motion:

It was moved by Director Stacey and seconded by Director Pérez-Cook to approve Reappointment of GM Bartosik as Fair Elector for California Fair Services Authority (CFSA) Board Election. **All in favor, motion carried.**

- b. Review and Consider Action Related to California Fair Services Authority (CFSA) Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

DAG Blair reviewed the draft amended Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. DAG Blair pointed out concerns with Section 11 which may conflict with the State's oversight of Cal Expo. California Fair Services Authority should be more service oriented and less regulatory focused. The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement goes into effect on October 20, 2008 unless a majority of the member entities vote to reject it.

Motion:

It was moved by Director Nakase and seconded by Director Albiani to reject the amendments to the California Fair Services Authority (CFSA) Joint Powers Agreement. **All in favor, motion carried.**

12. MATTERS OF INFORMATION

- a. Publics' Comments

Curt Ransom, Humane Society of the United States

Mr. Ransom summarized a prepared statement which is attached and made part of the record.

GM Bartosik stated the Policy & Procedures Manual will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Susan McKee, Representative for Senator Darrell Steinberg

Ms. McKee and David Gonsales of Assembly Member Jones; office met with Humane Society of the United States and on behalf of the Assembly Member and Senator requests support of Mr. Ransom's request.

Eric Mills, Action for Animals

Mr. Mills supports Mr. Ransom's request and summarized his written statement which is attached and made part of the record.

Mr. Mills was cautioned that he should not raise his concerns about Director Johnson when Dr. Johnson's comments which concern Mr. Mills were made as a private citizen and not as a member of the Board.

Karen Raasch, California Federation for Animal Legislation

Ms. Raasch requests that a meeting be held by the Animal Welfare Committee and that the Committee be balanced with people from the animal industry. A letter for the Board is attached and made part of the record.

David Middlesworth, PhD, United Animal Nations

Mr. Middlesworth wants the general public to understand the difference between extreme and normal animal advocacy. A written statement is attached and made part of the record.

Carol Gage, Animal Welfare

Ms. Gage is concerned that no animal welfare public forum exists for animal welfare.

Randy Brink provided his report.

b. Directors' Comments

c. Manager's Comments

GM Bartosik thanked the Board for its time over the last two days and the important input they provide as we move into 2009.

d. Next Board Meeting – Friday, October 31, 2008
Annual Meeting – Election of Officers

Chair Mlikotin appointed Directors Nakase and Gallagher as the Nominating Committee for the Election of Officers scheduled for the October 31, 2008 meeting.

Director Albiani asked that the Board consider electing a new Chair each year so that more Directors have an opportunity to serve as Chair. Director Albiani expressed interest in becoming Chair.

e. Other, if any

RECESS

The meeting was recessed for Closed Session at 1:05 p.m.

13. CLOSED SESSION

For legal purposes of discussing pending litigation under Government Code 11126(e). The Board will meet in Closed Session to confer with and/or receive legal advice from counsel on the matters as listed.

Closed Session commenced at 1:10 p.m. pursuant to Government Code 11126(e) to confer with and/or receive legal advice from counsel on:

1. McSwain, et al. v. California Exposition and State Fair, et al.
2. Overton v. California Exposition & State Fair, et al.
3. Southern California Off Track Wagering, Inc., a California Corporation v. Capitol Racing, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, Sacramento Harness Association, a California Corporation, California Exposition and State Fair, and Does 1 through 10

A status was given by DGM May and there was no action taken.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was reconvened at 1:47 p.m. with no reportable actions taken by the Board and no further business to discuss a motion was requested to adjourn the regular meeting by Chair Mlikotin.

Motion:

It was moved by Director Stacey and seconded by Director Albiani to adjourn the Board meeting. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Statement of Curt Ransom, West Coast Regional Program Manager, The Humane Society of the United States before the California State Fair Board on September 26, 2008:

On Monday, September 22, a small group of us, who have been addressing the CALEXPO Board about animal welfare issues at the State Fair for over four years, met with representatives from the offices of Senator Darrell Steinberg and Assemblyman Dave Jones (both ex-officio members of the Board). Present for this discussion were Virginia Handley (Animal Switchboard), Karen Raasch (California Federation for Animal Legislation), Eric Mills (Action for Animals) and myself.

We discussed animal welfare issues, the letter which CALEXPO Board member Dr. Bert Johnson sent to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and the apparently defunct Animal Welfare Committee. The main issue I relayed was the need for a viable and diversified CA State Fair Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

A representative or representatives from these legislative offices may be present here today.

As a resident of California and representative of the Humane Society of the United States (with nearly 1.3 million California constituents), with some patience, I was able to present some animal welfare views at the only AWC meeting I am aware of back in early 2006. This meeting had no agenda and produced no minutes. I know of no meetings since then.

The only changes to the Animal Welfare Handbook from 2004 to 2005/2006 were to delete the list of animal agencies that were presented in the handbook as animal rights organizations and then list a number of animal organizations; the definition for animal rights changed the words "most" to "some"; and animal "rights" was changed to animal "interest". The animal "interest" definition by the Handbook is not a definition of the majority of the agencies that were listed or otherwise. The animal "interest" definitions and warnings about animal organizations are still in the handbook and can only restrain dialogue not promote it. Did you know that the Cattlemen's Association, California Wool Growers, National Pork Board and the Dairy Council of California are listed as animal interest organizations?

Note: The CA State Fair Animal Welfare Practices (13.3) makes no mention of the handbook or most of its many provisions.

When a group of animal welfare advocates were told by staff in October 2005 that additional animal welfare advocates could be added to the committee; advocates submitted names and resumes as asked; yet the committee was abandoned in mid 2006 without real explanation.

Any advisory committee needs to include diverse views with regularly scheduled meetings with published agendas and minutes.

I urge the Board to vote to reestablish the Animal Welfare Committee not as a staff committee but a Board Advisory Committee, promote setting committee numbers, guidelines and new diverse representation at its next meeting.



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*"We need a boundless ethics which
will include the animals also."*
—Dr. Albert Schweitzer

September 26, 2008

Norbert Bartosik, CEO & Genl. Mgr.
Members of the Board
CALEXPO AND STATE FAIR
1600 Exposition Blvd.
Sacramento, CA 95815

Dear Sirs/Madams:

I'm appearing before the Board today to make three requests:

1. To make these meetings more "public friendly," I would urge the Board to set the Public Forum first thing on your agenda, as many others do (State Fish & Game Commission, San Francisco Animal Welfare Commission, etc.). This would make it much easier for anyone wishing to give public testimony to plan accordingly. I have noticed, too, that the majority of the audience have often left before Public Forum is heard.
2. I would urge the Board to reinstate the defunct "Animal Welfare Advisory Committee," which would include a balanced representation of the animal protection community. I would hope that any such committee would meet on a regular basis, probably at least twice annually, be open to the public, and produce written minutes. A committee somewhat smaller than the previous unwieldy 26-member committee might be advisable.
3. Lastly, please see the attached exchanges between Board member Dr. Bert Johnson and PETA, regarding the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and their proposed animal welfare ordinance. A number of us have been coming to the CALEXPO board meetings since 2004, in good faith, hoping to improve the welfare of animals at the State Fair. Since a number of us (Curt Ransom, HSUS; representatives from Animal Protection Institute; In Defense of Animals, and myself) have been working on the Santa Clara ordinance for some time now, we are very concerned that our presence here is not seen in the same light as Dr. Johnson has portrayed those in Santa Clara ("animal rights extremists" and "eco-terrorists").

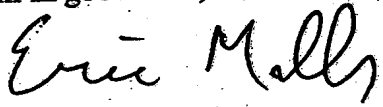
I assure the CALEXPO Board that this depiction is far from the truth, and we would appreciate hearing from Dr. Johnson specifically, and the Board generally, that such is not the case.

It should be noted that several of us—Curt Ransom (HSUS), Karen Raasch (California Federation for Animal Legislation), Virginia Handley (Animal Switchboard) and I

recently met with representatives from the offices of ex-officio CALEXPO Board members Senator Darrell Steinberg and Assemblyman Dave Jones for discussion of these issues. Reportedly, these people may be in the audience today.

Thank you for your consideration. Working together I'm confident that we can make things better for the animals and the Fair alike, surely a goal we all share.

Still in good faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Mills". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "E" and "M".

Eric Mills, coordinator



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September 11, 2008

TO: CALEXPO & STATE FAIR BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: ERIC MILLS, COORDINATOR
RE: ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES AND PROFESSIONAL RESPECT

Dear Chairman Mlikotin and Members of the Board:

Please see the enclosed 2/7/08 letter from CALEXPO Board Member Dr. Bert Johnson to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, which has only recently come to my attention. Also enclosed is a Media Alert sent to the State Legislature and the major media, in the wake of the inexcusable fire bombings in Santa Cruz this summer.

My colleagues and I are very concerned that Dr. Johnson's comments might be misconstrued by Members of the Board so as to unfairly tar ALL animal activists with this broad brush. Assuredly none of the people we work closely with could be considered either "animal rights extremists" or "eco-terrorists" as described in Dr. Johnson's letter. Such an attitude would undermine any reasoned discussion and progress regarding animal welfare issues now being considered at the State Fair.

Further, to my knowledge, PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) has NEVER been charged with or claimed responsibility for any of these illegal actions over the years. I checked the Internet, and the Foundation for Biomedical Research notes that the organization EARTH FIRST! claimed responsibility for the 1/29/89 vandalism at the California Cattlemen's Association office in Sacramento, not PETA.

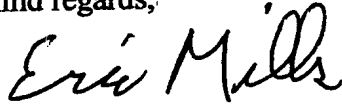
In the spirit of mutual cooperation and respect in working together toward resolving some of the animal welfare issues at CALEXPO, we would really appreciate the assurance of the Fair Board and your staff that you do not see us in the negative light described in Dr. Johnson's letter. (It should be noted that I have also been working on the Santa Clara County ordinance for the past year.)

Letter to CALEXPO Board of Directors, 9/11/08
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✓ I would appreciate a written response to these concerns at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,



Eric Mills, coordinator

P.S. – Dr. Johnson writes that, “There are no hotshots ever used on these animals....”
With all due respect, this is simply not true. Both the PRCA and the IPRA allow the use of electric prods, under specific guidelines. Only this past Monday, Cotton Rosser’s Flying U Rodeo Co., (CALEXPO’S stock contractor) was fined \$2,500 by the Hayward Area Recreation & Park District for repeatedly violating HARD’s rodeo animal welfare policy, which bans ANY use of the prods. Anyone in doubt could check with former CALEXPO Board Members John Gowney and Kirk Breed, or PRCA lobbyist Bob Fox.

Cc: Senator Darrell Steinberg, Ex officio member
Cc: Assemblyman Dave Jones, Ex officio member

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Your September 11, 2008 Memo regarding "Animal Welfare Issues and Professional Respect"

has been received in my office as of the date & time noted above.

✓ While I am not speaking for the Board, I would only suggest that if Dr. Bert Johnson's memo, dated February 7, 2008, addressed to the Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, had been misconstrued by members of our Board you would have probably been addressed by them long before this. Our office was not aware of his memo regarding "Proposed Ordinance to Eliminate Rodeo in Santa Clara County" until we received your copy today

I will make certain that each Board member, including Dr. Johnson, receives your memo and attachments.

✓ Please consider this our written response to your request. If members of the Board wish to respond individually, that would certainly be their option.

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STANFORD
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Stanford University Medical Center

DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY

September 21, 2008

TO: PETA Foundation

ATTENTION: Kay Duffy

Dear Ms. Duffy,

In February of 2008, I wrote a letter to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors urging them to support keeping rodeo in our county as rodeo was being threatened by PETA. I had a personal encounter with PETA in 1998 when I was both a Professor of Gynecology at Stanford University and Chairman of the California Beef Council. I had done radio commercials regarding the nutritious value of beef for the California Beef Council. PETA attacked me for these commercials. The PETA attack was picked up by the *Palo Alto Daily Times*. This evoked an article entitled "ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP BASHES STANFORD PROFESSOR". The Dean of the University then called me to say he had no problem with the radio commercials, but was concerned for my safety. He then offered me Stanford security protection which I declined.

When I wrote the letter regarding rodeo, I cited the violent attacks on the Dixon Auction Yard which was burned down and the California Cattlemen's Office which was trashed twice around this same time. Because of my previous experience with PETA, I thought you had been responsible for these incidents. I have since researched these criminal attacks and it turns out that *Earth First* was the perpetrator.

I trust that this sets the record straight.

Yours truly,

Bert D. Johnson M.D.
Bert D. Johnson, M.D.
Emeritus Professor of Gynecology
Stanford University

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B/S Chair _____

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FAX COVER SHEET

DATE: February 7, 2008
TO: Santa Clara County Supervisors
RE: Ordinance re Rodeo, etc.
PAGES SENT: 2
(including cover)

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February 7, 2008

TO: SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: BERT JOHNSON, M. D.

RE: PROPOSED ORDINANCE TO ELIMINATE RODEO IN
SANTA CLARA COUNTY

I am a long time member of the PRCA and I am also on the Executive Committee of the California Beef Council. I serve on the Board of Directors for the California State Fair. I have intimate knowledge of animal husbandry and rodeo practices in our state and in our county. The list of charges against rodeo in the ordinance could not be further out in left field or farther from the truth.

The bucking horses and bulls in rodeo are raised specifically for rodeo and are great athletes that are bred to buck. There are no hotshots ever used on these animals but a padded flank strap is used on the bucking horses. I have never seen an open wound or a burn on a horse caused by a sheepskin lined flank strap. The bulls are unbelievable bucking machines and need no encouragement to unseat their riders and often injure them.

We have invited the PETA people to the Salinas Rodeo on several occasions to observe that the above statements are the absolute truth.

Our county has a long history of livestock raising and management and I would hate to see it even further diminished by the activities of the animal rights extremists. While I was the Professor in charge of the GYN department at Stanford, I did a brief radio spot promoting the nutritional values of beef for the California Beef Council. I was vigorously attacked by PETA and it made the headlines of the Palo Alto Times. They called the Chancellor of the University and he called me in person to alert me. His concern was not for my radio statements, which were scientifically valid, but he was fearful for my well being. He offered to assign Stanford Security people to protect me for the next couple of months. These people had recently burned down the Auction Yard at Dixon, California and had broken into the California Cattlemen's Association Office in Sacramento and totally trashed it. They had also released all the lab animals at the University of Arizona Vet School where they were doing research on Aids and other viral illnesses. These people are known eco-terrorists and have terrorized anyone who opposes them.

Bert Johnson MD

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September 16, 2008

VIA FAX TRANSMITTAL: 916-925-8155
CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Bert Johnson, M.D.
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Re: Defamatory statements against PETA

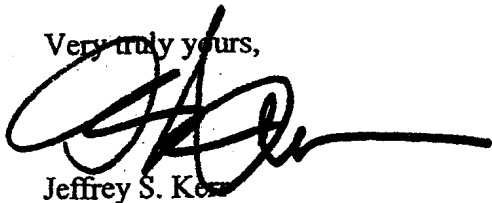
Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am General Counsel for PETA, and the purpose of this letter is to demand your immediate retraction and apology for the maliciously false and defamatory statements made against PETA, such as those statements appearing in the February 7, 2008 memo that you sent to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors regarding the proposed Ordinance to eliminate the rodeo in Santa Clara Valley. In that memo, you falsely and maliciously allege that PETA members had committed arson at the Auction Yard in Dixon and vandalism of the California Cattlemen's Association Office in Sacramento. You also falsely and maliciously allege that PETA members released laboratory animals from the University of Arizona Veterinary School.

As I am sure you are aware, your statements are untrue and defamatory *per se* as allegations of criminal conduct and will not be tolerated. Neither PETA nor anyone acting as an authorized PETA representative has ever committed any such act.

Upon receipt of this letter, please provide me with a draft retraction and apology letter for PETA's comments and approval to be submitted to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Very truly yours,



Jeffrey S. Kerr

Cc: 17210 Fawndale Drive
Los Gatos CA 95032-6501

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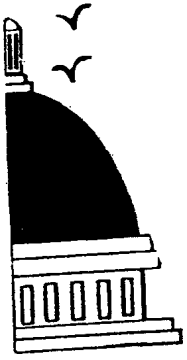
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Illegal Incidents Summary
Foundation for Biomedical Research

(59pp.)

4/24/1989	University of California, Los Angeles, CA	USA	CA	LCA	Approximately 75 activists staged a sit-in in observance of World Laboratory Liberation Week in the hallway leading to the Chancellor's office. Security police arrested 20 activists refusing to leave.	UP	BIO	
4/2/1989	University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ	USA	AZ	ALF	ALF took responsibility for theft of over 1000 animals. Four buildings were broken into and two were set on fire. Estimated arson damage set at \$100,000. Potential public health threat from stolen mice infected with cryptosporidium.	A3	BIO	animalliberation.net
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3/28/1989	Northwestern University, Evanston, IL	USA	IL	unknown	Several buildings were spray-painted with slogans and death threats against a Northwestern researcher.	V1	BIO	animalliberation.net
2/28/1989	Duke University, Durham, NC	USA	NC	unknown	Chain-link fence cut to gain access to research farm. Documents were stolen along with keys to the facility and several vehicles.	T1	BIO	
2/21-28/89	University of California, Berkeley, CA	USA	CA	Coalition Against Militarism, Animal Abuse and Environmental Hazards	In an attempt to halt construction on the Northwest Animal Facility, six activists climbed a crane and hung banners.	UP	BIO	
X 1/29/1989	Dixon Livestock Company, Sacramento, CA	USA	CA	Earth First!	Fire set in protest of livestock industry. Estimated damage \$250,000.	A3	FP	
X 1/29/1989	California Cattlemens Association, California Wool Growers Association, California Council on Agriculture, Sacramento, CA	USA	CA	Earth First!	Building housing organizations' offices spray-painted with anti-agriculture slogans.	V1	FP	animalliberation.net
1/6/1989	VA Medical Center, Tucson, AZ	USA	AZ	ALF	7 dogs stolen, 3 returned. None were part of research projects at the time of their theft.	T1	BIO	animalliberation.net
12/23/1988	Director, Lab Animal Facility, Stanford University, Stanford, CA	USA	CA	ALF	Fake bomb and threatening letter addressed to facility director found.	H3	BIO	animalliberation.net
12/2/1988	University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC	USA	NC	PETA	PETA members conducted a very brief visit of holding facility at UNC.	UP	BIO	
11/11/1988	US Surgical Corporation, Norwalk, CT	USA	CT	Fran Stephanie Trutt	Activist Fran Stephanie Trutt arrested after placing a homemade, radio-controlled pipebomb on corporate premises. Grounds evacuated and bomb successfully disarmed. Bomb target believed to be the company chairman.	B1	BIO	



August 13, 2008

STATEMENT AGAINST VIOLENCE

TO: ALL CALIFORNIA LEGISLATORS & THE MEDIA

RE: SANTA CRUZ FIREBOMBINGS

The organizations and individuals listed below wish to express our unequivocal opposition to the recent actions of individuals targeting animal researchers and their families in Santa Cruz. We represent organizations that sponsor professional and responsible legislation on behalf of animals. We neither support nor condone criminal behavior as exhibited in the recent Santa Cruz actions. Those responsible should be apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

These violent acts must not reflect on the sincere and peaceful efforts of the many organizations and thousands of people who seek to protect animals through lawful means, and we disassociate ourselves and our organizations from any such criminal activities.

**Virginia Handley
ANIMAL SWITCHBOARD**

**Eric Mills
ACTION FOR ANIMALS**

**Karen Raasch
CALIFORNIA FEDERATION
FOR ANIMAL LEGISLATION**

**Linda Olvera
PawPAC**

**Curt Ransom
HUMANE SOCIETY OF U.S.**

**Beverlee McGrath
HUMANE SOCIETY OF U.S.**

**David Middlesworth
UNITED ANIMAL NATIONS**

**Don Knutson
SACRAMENTO
VEGETARIAN SOCIETY**

California Federation for Animal Legislation

September 26, 2008

Good afternoon Board Members & Mr. Bartosik,

I'm Karen Raasch representing California Federation for Animal Legislation.

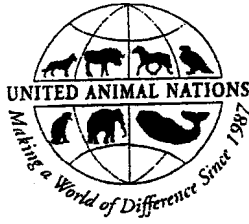
I'm here again to urge this body to include in their written policy, common sense, humane protection for animals used in rodeo. In particular, a permanent ban on the "Cowboy Teeter-totter", a complete ban on electric prods (hot shots) unless a situation exists that threatens the safety of the public and a requirement of immediate euthanasia of any fatally injured animal as so deemed necessary by the attending veterinarian.

The animals should be given protection and respect, without them there would be no rodeo.

I respectfully request that there be an animal welfare committee, that meets and that is balanced and not completely populated by those with vested interests.

I would also like to express my concern regarding Dr. Johnson's letter to the Santa Clara County Board of supervisors characterizing those who have an interest in animal protection as terrorists. That attitude makes it impossible to work together in good faith.

This is a quote from Thomas Edison. "Non-violence leads to the highest ethics, which is the goal of all evolution. Until we stop harming all other living beings, we are still savages".



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September 26, 2008

State of California State Fair Board

Dear Board Members:

It has come to my attention that a State Fair Board Member, Dr. Johnson, issued a statement to the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors, in which he associated the organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) with animal terrorists. It is this type of irresponsible association that tarnishes the reputation of legitimate animal advocate organizations. Responsible animal advocacy groups do **not** condone any violence to humans or animals.

In a recent letter dated September 21, 2008, Dr. Johnson acknowledged that he had been mistaken about the organization that had been responsible for the destruction of the Dixon Auction Yard. However, there is no evidence of an apology for the mistake. Furthermore, it appears that the rationale for his acknowledged mistake is a letter from the General Counsel for PETA, demanding an apology.

Although this incident may appear trivial to some people, it is an example of a gross generalization, condemning a responsible animal organization, without any collaborating evidence. These attacks create anger and frustration with people who are trying to advocate for their beliefs in a professional and responsible fashion. We hope that Dr. Johnson has the courage to stand up and offer a sincere apology for his offensive comments.

Sincerely,

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Board Chairperson United Animal Nations



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In Defense of Animals

Mr. N. Bartosik
State Fair Board
CALEXPO

RE: Dr. Johnson's statement and the need for an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

September 25, 2008

Dear Mr. Bartosik and the CALEXPO Board members:

In Defense of Animals is a 501(C) 3 international non-profit organization headquartered in San Rafael, CA. On behalf of our 40,000 California members, I ask for a public retraction and apology from Dr. Johnson for his egregious statements making a false, irresponsible and libelous connection between terrorism and PETA.

Statements like Dr. Johnson's underscore the need for a reinstitution of a strong, balanced, and ongoing Animal Welfare Advisory Committee at CALEXPO. This committee needs to include fair representation from the animal welfare community to ensure that the animals at CALEXPO are kept safe from cruelty and abuse.

In addition to the apology from Dr. Johnson, I urge the Board of Supervisors to take progressive and immediate action on the restatement of an Animal Welfare Advisory Committee to ensure that CALEXPO events have the needed oversight to be kept humane and in keeping with California's anti-cruelty laws.

Respectfully,

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